

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013
6:15 P.M.

The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 West 15th Street, Rushville. President Sue Otte called the meeting to order. Members present were: Aaron Gurley, James Zachery, Will St. John and Dave Malson.

Also present was: Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Mayor Mike Pavey, Pool Manager Rita Kaster, Attorney Tracy Newhouse, Parks Liaison Brad Berkemeier and Ron Jarman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of February 12, 2013 was presented for approval. Malson moved to approve February 12th minutes. St. John seconded the motion. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: Reviewed prior to meeting by St. John and Zachery. Zachery moved to approve the claims for the month. St. John seconded the motion. Motion carried. Claims approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT: 1) Talked to Davis on the grate and they are going to put up a temporary grate until the real one comes in.

2) Putting together a pool policy book on how to train lifeguards, job descriptions and how to improve the pool.

3) Discussed the concession stand and the Non-Reverting fund. In the past, the Non-Reverting fund has been a savings account in which we were able to pull out of for purchases. Now the Non-Reverting fund is leaving as quickly as we replenish it. We have now transferred some pool costs and we keep dipping into it. We will need to set down with the Clerk-Treasurer to see just how much money we would have to donate to this project as we don't want to over extend ourselves.

Malson asked when the deadline was. Jarman stated they want to start now.

Mayor Pavey stated we will do a 50/50 split. We will move forward and determine if 6 to 8 thousand dollar range works for us.

PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mathews reported the Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 30th at noon in South Veterans Memorial Park. He will have handouts for all the kids and invited all board members to attend.

REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES & BOARDS:

- 1) James Zachery – Fitness Initiative Team – Reported there will be a Mayor's 5K Walk/Run on Saturday April 27th. He is putting together a fitness running/walking program. They will start a mile and work up to three miles utilizing all parks. This program will be on Tuesday's and Thursday's and all are welcome.
- 2) Aaron Gurley – Parks Patrol Update – Gurley reported they have seven new Parks Patrol members. April 3rd will be the first training. They did have one person apply with a prior arrest and asked the board what they thought. After further discussion it was decided this person would not pass the background check.
- 3) Carla Sharpe – Amphitheater Update – Sharpe handed everyone a magnet of the list of concerts and the dates. Looks to be an exciting year and invited everyone to come check out the concerts this summer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Otte shared with Pool Manager Rita Kaster that the Parks Board wants to be more "hands-on" with the selection of employees and sit in on interviews. We want to help make decisions.

Kaster stated that was fine. She picked up the applications on Friday. A lot of her applicants are in sports and she works around their schedules. Gurley and St. John stated they would be willing to help with interviews.

Kaster stated she wants to do these interviews pretty quick so that she can let the kids know before spring break as that gives them time to get their certifications done.

Kaster reported we will have water fitness and swim lessons again this year.

Kaster stated the new Nepotism Law threw her for a loop. Her Assistant Manager may resign and wants to work in concession stand or front counter so her daughter can be a lifeguard. She would just be considered as a high school worker.

Kaster stated she will still have her ride to Sam's with her for pickup of supplies.

Malson then asked if Assistant Manager resigns her position who would be the Assistant Manager.

Kaster stated she is always there. Her whole summer is devoted to the pool and she only takes a couple days off. She works 40 hours a week.

Malson stated if you hire Gina as an employee instead of assistant there will still be money available for an assistant. Malson feels there needs to be another adult supervisor.

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Kaster stated she had 21 employees last year and she would like to hire a few more this year as we have a lot of people in sports.
Malson stressed staying within the pool budget guidelines.

Mathews stated the Clerk-Treasurer wants us to look into the admittance fees to the pool for a possible increase.
We haven't had an increase in three years.
Kaster stated it sounds good to raise fees but she feels we will raise ourselves out of patrons. It's sad! Unfortunately people's incomes haven't gone up.
She has a group of people that come from Greenfield to our pool because it's well-staffed and very clean.
Malson then questioned charging more for people out in the County verses City.
Kaster will research and come back to next meeting.

Zachery questioned why there was more spent last year than any other year. Less money was brought in and questioned what made the difference. Kaster said she just took over last year and she is seeing fewer patrons.
Kaster also said there has never been an increase in items in the concession stand. Prices of items have gone up but they have never raised their prices on food items.
Malson asked Kaster to check prices and rise accordingly.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mathews then shared with the board that the Clerk-Treasurer would like for the Parks Board to look at increasing the Shelter House Rentals.

At this time the cost are as follows:

Old Park Office	\$75.00 Rental Fee + \$50.00 Damage Deposit
Laughlin Shelter	\$50.00 Rental Fee + \$50.00 Damage Deposit
Memorial Shelter	\$50.00 Rental Fee + \$50.00 Damage Deposit
Gazebo	\$35.00 Rental Fee + \$50.00 Damage Deposit
Open Shelters	\$25.00 Rental Fee + \$30.00 Damage Deposit
Booker T.	\$75.00 Rental Fee + \$75.00 Damage Deposit

After further discussion, Malson moved to increase each shelter \$25.00. Zachery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Fees for Shelter Rentals are as follows:

Old Park Office	\$100.00 Rental Fee + \$100.00 Damage Deposit
Laughlin Shelter	\$75.00 Rental Fee + \$75.00 Damage Deposit
Memorial Shelter	\$75.00 Rental Fee + \$75.00 Damage Deposit
Gazebo	\$50.00 Rental Fee + \$50.00 Damage Deposit
Open Shelters	\$30.00 Rental Fee + \$30.00 Damage Deposit
Booker T.	\$100.00 Rental Fee + \$100.00 Damage Deposit

Discuss Quad Runners @ Riverside Park – Otte shared with the group that she received an email and there is an ordinance already on the books. 94.03 of Rushville City Code of Ordinances: "No motorized vehicles, namely electric or gas powered scooters, cycles, go-carts, golf carts, trucks or cars are allowed in any city park with the exception of Parks Department trucks and equipment, police and emergency vehicles and motorized wheelchairs."

Discuss Ball League Leases – After further discussion we will have one lease for Little League, T-Ball and Girls Softball as a whole, one lease for Men's Softball and one lease for the High School.
Jarman suggested increasing the maintenance fee to \$1,000 for the combined Little League, T-Ball and Girls Softball. Malson moved to increase the maintance fee from \$500 to \$1,000 for the Little League, T-Ball and Girls Softball combined. St. John seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The other two leagues will stay the same at \$500 for their maintenance fee.

Ron Jarman – Restroom/Concession Stand at Ball Diamonds. – Jarman handed out a drawing of the new restroom/concession stand. (See Attached)
Jarman stated he has been getting donations towards the facility. Main Source has donated \$500.00. Citizens Band has donated \$2,500.00. The amp panel and meter base for lighting has been donated. A

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block installer has agreed to charge less for block. A guy by the name of Monroe is laying the block for ½ the price which is a major savings.

St. John asked if the drawing could be altered in any way. He would like to see a cover for picnic tables for the elderly to get out of the sun.
Jarman also stated that some months out of the year, when not used by the ball leagues, we can rent out the concession area.

Jarman stated these ball leagues bring a lot of people to town which in turn helps all businesses down town.

Malson then asked how much money he was expecting us to come up with. Jarman stated the cost at this time is \$17,000 and he would like us to consider half the cost if feasible, subject to the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer finding the money.
Jarman stated they would like to start as soon as possible.
Mathews stated there is only \$35,120 in Non Reverting at this time.
Malson moved to donate \$8,000 towards the new restrooms/concession stand out of Non Reverting if we can come up with the money and to put a cap of \$8,500.
Gurley stated we needed something decent and if this will bring that many people to town he’s all for it.
Zachery asked what would happen to the old restrooms and concession stand. Mathews stated he thought we would keep them too to handle the crowd. We can see how it goes and if we don’t need it we can take them down but stressed leaving them at this time.
Gurley asked if it would be much to keep them both going.
Zachery seconded Malson’s motion of donating \$8,000 towards the new restrooms/concession stand out of Non Reverting and to put a cap of \$8,500.00 which would be half the project cost subject to the Mayor and Parks Director’s and Clerk-Treasurer’s approval.

There being no further business, Malson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Zachery seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

SUE OTTE, PRESIDENT

PAUL BARADA, VICE PRESIDENT

DAVID MALSON, MEMBER

WILL ST. JOHN, MEMBER

AARON GURLEY, MEMBER

JAMES ZACHERY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY